

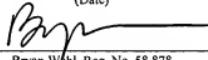
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 24, 2007, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows, and consider the following remarks. Also enclosed is a Request for Continued Examination as proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.